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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN FIRST LADY'S LETTER TO MRS. BUSH

11. Bulgarian President Parvanov's Foreign Policy Advisor, Mr. Zlatin Trapkov, requested a meeting November 4 to deliver a copy of a letter from Mrs. Zorka Parvanova, Bulgaria's First Lady, to Mrs. Laura Bush. Below is the text of the letter.

12. BEGIN TEXT:

Dear Laura,

Please, accept my most sincere thanks for the warm welcome we received during our visit to Washington, DC.

I was strongly impressed by the beautiful architecture and the wealth of the Library of Congress collection. I am grateful to our kind host there, Dr. Billington, for the pleasant surprise he gave me by showing me some Bulgarian publications.

It was a singular delight to talk with you on a range of subjects during the lovely lunch. It felt so gratifying to find out that we engage in so many similar activities and have similar preoccupations.

Thanks you once again for your support for the Bulgarian libraries, which hopefully they will continue to enjoy in future.

President Parvanov joins me in taking this opportunity to congratulate you on your birthday. We wish you and your family a lot of good health, good luck and every success!

Most sincerely,  
Zorka Parvanova

P.S. We are sure that the Bulgarian puppy is feeling fine with you and we hope he is not too much trouble!

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